

Youth Adult Council Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2015

Attendees: Tim Manke, Sandy Pilz, Paulina Colon, Karen Futoma, Tim Cunningham, Josh Shulman, Rick Huggard, Austin Matteson, Alyssa Lacrosse, Enzo Zocco

- A. Superhoopla: needs to be rescheduled due to drama production at MKMS being the same night as Superhoopla. Discussion to have it on Friday, March 6 or Thursday, April 2nd.
- B. Rick Huggard reported on high school age students getting more involved in LEAD. This is a student mentor group where high school students who mentor middle school students and will be working to train more mentors.
- C. Alyssa reported on Winter Reading program through the library for elementary students. Library representatives are visiting the middle schools for the book club. The library has a teen group that is currently discussing midterm exams and college application process.
- D. Tutoring Support for students: Retired teacher organization that Human Services will contact to see if there are retired teacher volunteers that would be interested in tutoring students.
- E. Follow up about support for the college process. Austin Matteson, Mr. Zocco, and Emily Olson, the counseling intern meet to discuss what is already in place at the high school and what would possibly be added.
- F. Reports:
 - 1. Students: Midterms beginning. We had a successful course selection night.
 - 2. SEAN: No December meeting. No new items.
 - 3. Police: Two holiday gift drives. High school gift drive and Stuff a Cruiser-both were very successful. Shop a Cop program-youth pairing up with police from across the State to holiday shop for families of the youth. The youth gets to use \$100 to buy gifts for their family. Chief of Police retired.
 - 4. Library: November author visit.
 - 5. School: Winter sports are in full swing. Course Selection night was successful
 - 6. BOE: Budget meeting. Reviewing the proposed budget. Most of the increase proposed is on wages and insurance. Also, there is a push for a 1 to 1 ratio of electronic device to student K-8. Google classroom is also an initiative being promoted. The board will adopt a budget in early February and then the budget goes to the town council.
 - 7. Human Services: Gift distribution drive was a success. Many families were serviced. Human Services is preparing for a hoarding conference at CCSU. Human Services is working on awareness of hoarding as a mental health issue and trying to make gains in services provided in this area.